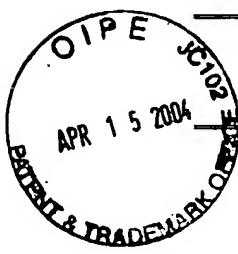


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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number : 10/043,763  
Filing Date : January 9, 2002  
Inventor(s) : Janardhanan S. Ajit  
Title : SUB-MICRON HIGH INPUT VOLTAGE TOLERANT INPUT OUTPUT (I/O) CIRCUIT WHICH ACCOMMODATES LARGE POWER SUPPLY VARIATIONS  
  
Group Art Unit : 2816  
Examiner Name : Terry D. Cunningham  
Docket No. : 41980/RJP/B600

Date: April 12, 2004

### MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

#### 1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

a.  Pending (no review proceedings active)

(1)  An Action was mailed by the Office on January 12, 2004, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and

a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on March 2, 2004  
 via Express Mail

with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8

that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request

an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated

(2)  Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on  
 the Issue Fee has not been paid  
 the Issue Fee has been paid and a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on

b.  Pending (with review proceeding active)

An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.

#### 2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
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Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on  
Other:

b. Enclosed

Amendment/Reply  
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 Information Disclosure Statement, including Form PTO/SB/08A/B with references  
 Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48  
 Petition for Extension of Time  
 Other:

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please address all correspondence to **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

**Application No. 10/043,763**

<b>PART I — BASIC FEE</b>			
BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$385.00	Large Entity \$770.00	\$770

<b>PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)</b>						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	15	*22	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	
Independent Claims	6	**11	0	x \$43.00	x \$86.00	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$145.00	\$290.00	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$0
List Independent Claims: 2, 4, 23, 24, 25, 30						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES (*The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.*)
  - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)  
A check for \$770 is enclosed.
  - b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A **duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.**

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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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April 12, 2004

Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of January 12, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.